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ATTY. DKT. NO. 113019.179 US1

FOR: RECOMBINANT BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE HUMAN ZONA PELLUCIDA  
PROTEIN 3 (hZP3) TO TEST MALE FERTILITY

Commissioner for Patents  
Arlington, VA 22202

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

This response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated June 3, 2003, for which a response is due on or before October 3, 2003 with a one-month extension of time. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the one-month petition fee of \$55 to Deposit Account No. 08-0219. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional necessary fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0219 to maintain the pendency of this application.

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 17 of this paper.